



**Delaware Bicycle Council  
December 7, 2005  
DelDOT Administration Building  
Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present**

Don Carbaugh, Chair and New Castle County Representative  
Tom Hartley, Kent County Representative  
Sgt. George Heberling, DE State Police Representative  
Judith Jeffers, At-Large Representative  
Laura Madara, DNREC Representative  
Doug Mills, New Castle County Representative  
Lisa Moore, Office of Highway Safety  
Robert Witsil, At-Large Representative

**DelDOT Support Staff Present**

Anthony Aglio, Bike/Ped Coordinator, DelDot  
Liddy Campbell, Administrative Assistant  
Joseph Cantalupo, Assistant Director, Division of Planning  
Fritz Schranck, Deputy Attorney General, DelDot

**Members Absent**

Fred Breukelman, Dept. of Public Health Rep.  
Harry Isaacs, Jr., Council on Transportation  
Amy Wilburn, At-Large Representative  
Timothy Willard, Sussex County Representative

**Guests Present**

John Boyle, Bike Delaware  
Tom Felice, DelDot, Development Coordination  
Brad Killian, Delaware Greenways  
Walt Bryan, Citizen Sussex County

**The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Introduction of Guests

Don started the meeting off by asking guests to introduce themselves, which included: Walt Bryan, Sussex County Representative, John Boyle, Greater Philadelphia Bicycle Coalition, Brad Killian, Delaware Greenways and Tom Felice, DelDot Representative.

Council Membership Update

Don informed the Council that Joe Cantalupo would no longer be the Bike/Ped Coordinator for DelDot, and that Anthony Aglio would be filling this position. Anthony expressed to the Council members he is very interested in taking on the role as Bike/Ped Coordinator and hopes to be a good advocate in promoting bike safety.

Don also informed the Council members of three vacancies that need to be filled, Nick Vacirca, representative for the Department of Education has stepped down from the Committee, Danna Levy, representative for Greenways & Trails will not be reappointed to the Council and the last vacancy that needs to be filled is another representative for DelDot. Tom Felice expressed his interest in filling the DelDot vacancy and has submitted an application to the Governor's Office to become eligible for membership.

Council Chairmanship

Don explained to the Council members after 9 years of service as Chairman of the Delaware Bicycle Council, he would be stepping down sometime during the first half of the New Year. He feels that it was time to give someone else a chance at being Chairman for the group and suggested Doug Mills, New Castle County Representative to take on the role as the new Chairman. Don suggested to the Council members to take in consideration in nominating Doug. The Council members agreed and will discuss at the next meeting. Don reminded the group that only Citizen members are eligible to hold the position of Chair. Election process will take place either in the February or April meeting.

**II. Old Business**

Newsletter and Web Site

Don stated that another issue would go out in late April and asked the Council members to start thinking of some articles to include in the next issue.

DRPS Conference

Judi gave a brief overview of the 2006 Delaware Recreation and Parks Society Conference, which will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Deerfield Golf & Tennis Club. Judi stated she is working on asking Congressman Castle to speak at the event.

A suggestion was made to have the Bike Council members attend or set up a display to promote bike safety. Judi will work on getting all the details together and will submit to the Council members at the next Council meeting in February.

#### HB 178 "Share the Road" License Plate Bill

Don informed the Council that he had met with Lee Ann Walling, from the Governor's Office and discussed proposal verification of support from the Governor. Lee Ann will speak to Senator Henry, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, and hopefully will help get the bill passed through the Senate at the beginning of Legislative Session.

Fritz suggested to Don that he personally meet with Senator Henry before legislation begins to discuss the bill.

Anthony stated he is preparing to start a campaign towards promoting "Share the Road Signs" and will do so by advertising through Radio announcements, Bike Month and passing out information to motorists.

John Boyle also stated that it would be a good idea to promote enforcement to motorist when bicyclists are involved.

#### Newsletter article

John Boyle shared with the Council members an article he wrote in the Cycle Gram Issue entitled "Deadly Highway to Delaware Beaches". Additional information can also be found on Deldot's website: [http://www.deldot.net/static/projects/rehoboth\\_entrance/](http://www.deldot.net/static/projects/rehoboth_entrance/)

#### Adopt-a-Bike Path

Fritz stated on behalf of Public Relations there are in fact very few State owned bike paths either by the County Government or County land. He also suggested finding out who owns the existing bike paths and see if they would like to participate. A Question was asked how long this process might take and Fritz answered, it could take a couple of weeks depending on how quickly Public Relations receive responses.

#### Other DelDot Updates

Anthony informed the Council that he would be in charge of working on the Bike/Ped Review. He also announced to the Council three new employees that have joined the Planning Department, which include, Steven Bayer and Bobbie Geier, will be working on the Bike/Ped Improvements project and Erin Fasano, Safe Routes to School coordinator. Anthony also mentioned that the Rail to Trail plan is available in GIS form.

Anthony also touched upon some future events that will be happening in 2006, which include a one-day Bike Fair in June. The Fair will be held at the Ocean Atlantic Real Estate Parking lot in Rehoboth. A booth will be set up with handouts of bike safety information. Also, in the month of June Bike pit stops will be set up

along Route 1 promoting bike safety, handouts such as bike helmets and bike safety checks will be available.

#### Route 1 Third Lane Project

Anthony informed the Council members that the bid for this project went out on November 7<sup>th</sup> and the anticipated start of construction will be in spring. Anthony described the symbol that may be used (bike in the house emblem) in this project. Anthony also mentioned he is talking to the engineers on how other States utilize this symbol for them to make any considerations in doing so for our roads.

Joe commented that he is subscribed to a State Bike/Ped Coordinators email group and suggested sending an email requesting information on how other states handle bike and bus traffic issues.

Fritz noted that MUTCD guidelines would permit the new-shared bike/bus lane to be designated as a "bikeway," and that as such a bicycle symbol could be used on the pavement. The Council felt very strongly that the pavement should be so marked.

In its capacity and authority pursuant to 28 Del. Code Section 1702 to consider, review and work on all matters pertaining to bicycling, bicycling safety and education, and to make recommendations to the various state agencies, the Delaware Bicycle Council at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 7, 2005 discussed and upon motion duly made and seconded, unanimously voted to approve the following:

1. The Council recommends to DELDOT and all other relevant agencies that Route One, both northbound and southbound, from the Five Points intersection at Route 9 (18 and 404) south to the Maryland border, be determined to be a "bikeway" as defined in Chapter 9A of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, U.S. Dept. of Transportation, Fed. Highway Admin., 2003 Edition, and that the provisions and regulations relating to "bikeways" be applied to the Route One improvements.
2. The Council recommends to DELDOT and all other relevant agencies that Route One from the Five Points intersection at Route 9 (18 and 404) south to the Maryland border, be marked every 220 yards with bicycle symbols in addition to other DELDOT determined symbols and that solid lines indicate the outer border of the bikeway and bus lanes, and that right turn areas be indicated by broken lines.
3. The Council recommends to DELDOT and all other relevant agencies that the southbound construction area of Route One from Five Point intersection to Route 24 be reasonably serviced by free DELDOT bus service which shall circuit the construction area during times of construction and that persons be permitted to place bicycles within the rear of the bus as well as on the front bike racks during the time of this special bus service.

### **III. New Business**

#### **Bike Helmet Bank**

Lisa Moore explained to the Council that she is in charge of the Bike Helmet Bank program, which provides education about the safety and laws of bike helmet use. She expressed the need for donations towards the funding of the helmets and asked the Council members if they knew of any bike clubs or organizations that would like to donate, to please contact her by phone, 744-2746.

Don commented he would contact Representative Bill Oberle to see if he would be able to help. Don also suggested the White Clay Bike Club could be a possibility with help in donating.

Anthony asked Lisa if her facility had the storage capacity for some of the Planning Departments stock of bike helmets, and if so, the department would be more than willing to make a donation in exchange for storage accessibility.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm**